Dear Parents,

Yesterday the Kindergarten to Year 4 students attended the Child Protection and Safety Show, “Braveheart”. From all reports it was a great success. Thank you to the parents who kindly provided transport to Murrumburrah Public School where the show was presented. One of the “draw backs” of small schools is that shows of this nature require larger audiences to make them financially viable. We can not provide the larger audiences so we must travel to provide our students with a full and comprehensive education. We do however, using our connections, ensure that we get our share of “outside agency” productions. Later this year we will be having two presentation of Musica Viva, this means other schools will be visiting us, instead of us going to them.

Speaking of travel, parents, I need to (or Mrs Sheahan or other members of the staff) sight licences, rego and insurance so students can travel by private vehicles. Even the staff all must present and be “sighted” with these items. Staff, to myself and I must present mine to my “boss”. Please make them available, so travel throughout the year for the students is possible. All information is completely confidential, it is just a “sighting” of the documents.

Most students have access to “Reading Eggs” that can also be done at home. This program is a tool to help the students to be engaged in language and learning through a fun environment. All students are also logged into “Mathletics” which is the same as “Reading Eggs” but with a numeracy slant. Teachers can log onto these programs and monitor progress, investigate short comings and plan lessons to help students to progress. Like home readers, parents can help and encourage, however, they need to allow the students to do “their” own work.

Regards,
Russell

QUOTE
“The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up”
-Paul Valery
**Be There:**
We are being there, when we pay attention to each others’ needs.
We need to "be there" mentally and physically.
Teachers are in tune to every student’s individual need.
Students can "be there" by listening, staying on-task and being kind and friendly to each other.

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**FISH PHILOSOPHY**

**“Nits”**
This is the perfect weather for this interesting creature. Please be aware of them and do the usual treatments that are recommended.

**Highlands PSSA Swimming Carnival**
On Friday our school swimming team will be travelling with the Hyles, Coggan Families and Mrs Weston to Tumut to the District Swimming Carnival.
The team is:
Tilly Coggan, Tayla Coggan, Joey Polimeni, Archie Hyles, Billy Ward, Kelvin Hillier-Parr, Zac Pedley and Alexander Strong.
Congratulations to all and I am sure you will all do your best. (Let me know if you do a P.B.)

**Did You Know**
- What is the largest organ of the body? A: Your epidermis (skin)
- Districts and Towns in France are famous for various items that are produced in them eg. Champagne is famous for the sparkling drink that is produced there, Burgundy is famous for its red wine. Which French town is famous for its mustard? Dijon!
- Because of the metal that is all around a ship an exposed compass does not give an accurate reading, so they are housed in a binnacle to protect it from the different magnetic fields.

**Swimming Photos**

Kelvin & Archie – Sports Captains with the Handicap Trophy from the Invitational Swimming Carnival.

‘Our Team’

Juvenile Swimmers competing at the carnival—Sandy, Regan, Bill & Monty

Bill & Regan - Juvenile Swimming Champions 2013.
Online Art Competition for all ages

Section 1—Infants (Yrs K-2)
Section 2—Primary (Yrs 3-6)
Section 3—Junior (Yrs 7-9)
Section 4—Senior (Yrs 10-12)
Section 5—Adults (Ages 18+)
Entries close on Friday 22nd Feb. To enter or to vote go to Facebook.com/Cootamundra Art Centre. Click on Photo’s then Album’s to find the correct section.

The echoes’ of history to be heard at Binalong.

On the 9th of March 2013, Binalong will again hear the sounds of gun shots as Police shoot dead the infamous “Bushranger”, Johnny Gilbert and effectively bring to an end to the “Hall Gang”. As part of the Lambing Flat Festival the Gold Trail Committee is unveiling a series of interpretive story boards to tell the story of the magnificent historical events in our local area. One of these unveilings is to happen at the site of “Gilbert’s Grave”, Burley Griffin Way, Binalong. The boards, similar in style to the ones recently unveiled at Jugiong, will be unveiled by the Hon Adrian Picolich Minister for Education. They will tell the turbulent tale of Johnny GILBERT and his eventual death in the gun battle at Binalong in 1865.

A small re enactment of the “shoot out” will be performed as part of the Ceremony. The parts of the Four Police Officers involved in the death of Gilbert will be played by LSC Steve Magnone, S/C Wes Leseberg, S/C Mick Arnold and S/C Jeremy Bell, Local Police from Binalong, Yass and Jugiong. The Bushrangers will be ably played by Luke Dowell (Gundagai) and Matt Butt (Boorowa). LSC Magnone, S/C Leseberg, Luke Dowell and Matt Butt all took part in the re enactment event at Jugiong recently, which involved the Hall Gang bailing up the Gundagai to Yass Royal Mail.

Come to the Historic and Picturesque village of Binalong and feel the excitement of our local history. The event of Gilbert’s death was truly exciting and rivals any of the “shoot outs” made legendary in the “Old West” period of American history.

For more information contact Wes Leseberg. Senior Constable of Police. Yass Police Station. Ph. (02) 6226 9399. Email lese1wes@police.nsw.gov.au
In the end these things matter most: How well did you love? How fully did you live? How deeply did you learn to let go?

BLAZE AID UPDATE
CATERING AT BOOKAM
Donations of food for Blaze Aid at the Cellar by Wednesday 27 February by 4:00pm.
If you think as a community group or as individuals you could go to Bookham one evening and cater for one meal for about 40 volunteers that would be greatly appreciated – main course and a pudding.
You would be there from about 5:30pm till 7:30pm – need 5 or 6 people or less if you can do it.

DATES AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE:
Friday 22nd February
Monday 4th March
Monday 11th March
Wednesday 13th March
Friday 15th March
Or you could donate cakes, biscuits, slices, casseroles, lasagnas and any other dish that freezes well in a throw away container to be taken to Bookham – contact Jackie - 6945 4244 or benangaroo@bigpond.com

Thank you
Craig, Bridget and Tayla would like to thank the community of Harden and Jugiong for their kind thoughts and generosity, especially Paula, Jenny & Gino, Ian, and Richard.

Swim club news:
Final timed training on Sat 2nd March
Swim club presentations on Sat. 9th March at Jugiong Park at 3pm ( sharp)
The swim club is catering for evening meal for the Blaze aid volunteers on Monday 4th March, if anyone would like to help Or donate food please contact Paula Butt.

JUGIONG GROUP FITNESS 2013
Tonight we are at the Pool - Aqua Aerobics

Please bring water bottle, yoga mat, bathers, towel & something warm for Afterwards.
Every Wednesday 7-8pm
Cost: $12 per session
$10 concession

Enquiries Steph Hyles 62277844 or 0427201293

COMING EVENTS
20/02/13– Jugiong Group Fitness 7-8pm-TONIGHT AT THE POOL
9/03/13-Jugiong Polo X Twilight team penning event
9/3/13– Binalong Re-enactment-Part of Lambing Flat Festival

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